Illegal sale of kidneys

2532. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that sale of kidneys is a cottage industry in Chennai;

(b) if so, the effective steps taken or are being taken to prevent illegal sale of kidneys and other human organs, in blatant violation of Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994; and

(c) the number of cases of illegal sale of kidneys and other organs that came to Government's notice during the years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Sale and purchase of human organs including kidneys is banned under the provisions of the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994. The Act has stringent provisions for punishing any one who commits such acts. Under Section 13(2) of the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994, the State Governments are empowered to appoint Appropriate Authorities for the purpose of the Act who are empowered to investigate any complaints of breach of provisions of the Act including those pertaining to sale and purchase of human organs including kidneys.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Free treatment of patients by private hospitals

2533. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that private hospitals in Delhi have not fulfilled the mandatory requirement of treating a stipulated percentage of patients free of cost; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The Government of